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SUBJECT: US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON LATIN AMERICA
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1. IN ADDITION TO DESIRE FOR NAMES OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS
(REF A), GAIMUSHIO OFFICERS HAVE PROVIDED FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON
ECONOMIC PORTION OF CONSULTATIONS (REF B):
--PART II STRUCK JAPANESE AS BEING MORE CONCERNED WITH
GLOBAL THAN BILATERAL ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, JAPANESE
FELT DISCUSSIONS ON COPPER AND TIN USEFUL IN GLOBAL CONTEXT
BUT NOT NECESSARILY BEST WAY TO FOCUS REGIONAL DISCUSSION.
JAPANESE SEEM MOST INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING U.S. AND JAPANESE
ECONOMIC INITIATIVES AND PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA, RATHER
THAN TALKING ABOUT LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS,
PER SE.

--PART II-B, JAPANESE TRADE LAW, BROUGHT REQUEST
FOR CLARIFICATION. JAPANESE HAVE NO OVERALL TRADE
LAW, BUT RATHER A COLLECTION OF SPECIFIC LAWS (E.G.
COVERING STATE TRADING CORPORATIONS) AND
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS.

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-- PART II-A & C. JAPANESE ARE SPECIFICALLY
INTERESTED IN TRADE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
MAJOR COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, SUCH AS MEXICO
AND BRAZIL. THEY WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON U.S.-
BRAZIL SOYBEAN PROBLEM, AND U.S.-MEXICO COTTON
PROBLEM.

-- PART II-C, MTN. JAPANESE MTN EXPERT WILL BE

UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS, AS HE WILL BE
ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF MTN
DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER. JAPANESE WOULD
ACCORDINGLY LIKE TO DEEMPHASIZE THIS PORTION.

-- PART IV-B-2. JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THIS
PORTION TO INCLUDE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT AID OF USG
AND GOJ TO ALL OF LATIN AMERICA. REPRESENTATIVE FROM
GAIMUSHO ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU WOULD LIKE TO
DEVOTE ONE HOUR TO DISCUSSION OF U.S. AND JAPANESE
AID POLICIES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA.

2. JAPANESE NOTED LENGTH OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND WOULD
APPRECIATE WASHINGTON SUGGESTIONS ON PORTIONS WHICH
CAN BE REDUCED OR PERHAPS ELIMINATED. JAPANESE ALSO
APPEAR TO BE PLACING GREAT STRESS ON EXACTLY WHO
IS COMING FROM WASHINGTON AND NATURE OF THEIR
PARTICULAR EXPERTISE. FOR EXAMPLE, ON PART
II-D, SUGAR-ISA NEGOTIATIONS, THEY STATED THAT IF
A U.S. EXPERT ON ISA IS NOT COMING, THEY DOUBTED
WHETHER DISCUSSION ON TOPIC WOULD BE FRUITFUL.
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